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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

To comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Forms. Copies of the documents are also enclosed.

The noted documents were cited during prosecution of copending application No. 09/240,839.

(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 6-216000 has been discussed on pages 3 and 13 of the subject specification.

(2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 7-209569 has been discussed on page 4 of the subject


specification. No English language abstract is readily available for this document. Nevertheless, a translation of this document will be submitted if so required by the Examiner.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the cited information and return an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

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